

FEATURE EVENT WON BY BELVASIA

Buffalo, N. Y., August 17.—The King George stake, valued at \$5,000, for 2:12 trotters, the feature event at the track across the river this afternoon, when to Belvasia, driven by Walter Cox, Belvasia won the first heat handily from Chatty Direct. Ed Geers, with Arlo Leyburn, landed the second, when Cox got into a pocket. The third heat found Belvasia again in a pocket, but Cox got free at the far turn, and rushed under the wire first. Al Stanley, who finished fourth, was placed last for joining.

Major Wellington, favorite in the 2:09 trot, was distanced in the second heat, the race being won by Mada Guy. Earnest, with Cox in the sulky, easily disposed of the field in the 2:15 pace, winning in straight heats. Cope, the Canadian horse, was the contender. Owing to scratches, the 2:09 pace was declared off. Ed Geers worked The Harvester a mile in 2:05, the last quarters being covered in 29.1-2. Summaries:

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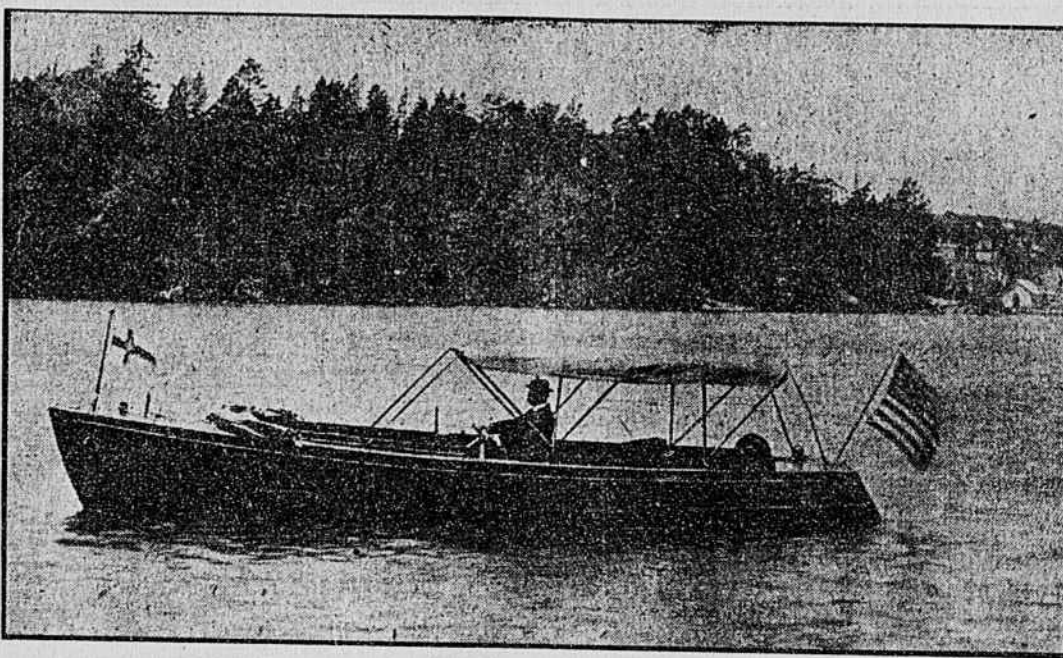
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Pertinent Comment

By GUS MALBERT.

So Steve Griffin is to become a Colt. Evidently necessity knows no law, for time was when the local powers that be declared that not for love, money, or any other emoluments would Griffin be considered as a possibility on the Richmond team. Strange how opinions change and how the discard of yesterday becomes the star of tomorrow. Not that Steve Griffin isn't a valuable man. Quite to the contrary. He will help the team wonderfully, and will be of great aid to Manager Cowan. No one who knows Griffin doubts his baseball ability. He pulls stunts when in charge of a team which smacks of faster company, and he gets away with most of it just because he knows more than the other fellow. Welcome, Steve, thrice welcome. Only you are coming just a trifle late.

And with the coming of Griffin, what is the true story behind Dobson's departure? Was he peevish, or miffed, or cut up, or did he really go to take care of a sick wife? Is he coming back, and what will become of Griffin if he does come back? Lots of room for conjecture, but what's the use of worrying? Pretty soon the season will be over.

Right here and now is the time and the place to mention as emphatically as polite language will permit, that local patrons of the game are thoroughly and positively disgusted with the baseball produced in Richmond this season. Richmond, the very best city in this whole Southland, and one of the best measuring from ocean to ocean, has been served the very poorest article of ball of any town in the country. Further, Richmond, just as she has outgrown other provincialism, has outgrown the class "C" variety of baseball. Without meaning to disparage any other town in this State, Richmond deserves something better than to be linked with the Virginia League, and there is an opportunity. The trouble is that the owners of the local franchise are so satisfied with the return received from the present